(c) the extent of success achieved by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Indian efforts to become Permanent Member in Securtity Council

1589. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH:
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India have made any special efforts by approaching countries with whom India have excellent relations for becoming the permanent member in the UN Security Council; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHID): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. India has expressed its readiness to serve as Permanent Member of the UN Security Council. This was announced in the statement of the leader of Indian delegation to the 49th General Assembly session in 1994. Government is making all necessary efforts in this regard.

World Bank report on Railway Operations in India

1590. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI K. M. KHAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have studied the World Bank report on India transport sector long term issues suggesting a complete overhaul of Railway operations in India, calling for running of the passenger services as a commercial venture and cutting down of Railway subsidies; and

(b) if so, the impact of a change on the freight and fare structure and financial position of the Railways?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir. The World Bank in its report has addressed these issues as a part of long range planning perspectives for transport sector including Indian Railways. These are only suggestions and Government has no such proposal under consideration for implementing them at this stage.

(b) Does not arise.

Minimum Stipulated Facilities for Motorists at Petrol Pumps

1591. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a majority of petrol pumps are not providing minimum stipulated facilities for motorists;

(b) whether oil companies are very lenient in this regard; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to monitor this laxity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) As per the Marketing Discipline Guidelines, retail outlet dealers are required to provide minimum basic amenities to motorists such as free air, radiator water, first aid, drinking water and toilet facilities. Apart from the above filter paper, etc. to check purity of petrol, suggestion/complaint book, and the name, telephone number and address of concerned oil companies officials duly displayed, have to be maintained at all the petrol pumps. Some of these amenities may not be available in a few of the petrol pumps due to their location at the water fronts or hilly areas, etc. The oil companies regularly inspect and check and in case of deficiencies take action under the Marketing Discipline Guidelines which include imposition of fine and suspension of sale and supplies of all products, which may ultimately lead to termination of the dealership.